# TRYING TO FORCE **MEMBERS TO STAY** AWAY TO-NIGHT

Politicians Fight Desperately to Defeat Government Change.

#### CRISIS REACHED IN CITY'S HISTORY

Only Adoption of Top-Heavy Amendment or Intimidation Can Prevent Adoption of Report by Common Council. Enough Votes Pledged to Win.

The crisis in Richmond's fight for will come to-night when the Common Council votes on the four-ward and administrative board resolutions recommended by two Council committees by an almost unanimous vote. Only two events, it is stated, can prevent favorable action—the adoption of top-heavy amendments, which will bring the whole plan to the ground with a crash, or the absence of two or more of the twenty-two Councilinen now announced as favorable to

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Takes Too Much Time.
When that is slinch day the Mayor, the Council must rearrange and adopt the Judge of the Hustings Court to appoint commissioners to correct the poil books, making it manifestly impossible to have the new plant in operation by the date of the April primary, when the members of the Council and Mayor are to be selected.

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SAYS ROAD UNPROTECTED

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Mills Expects to Win Out.

Mr. Mills said last night that with the pledges of support he had received, he believed his substitute would be adopted, and he expressed hope that it could be accomplished in time to take effect at the spring election. The redistricting ordinance out of the way, either with or without the Mills substitute, the Council will squarciy face the issue of a charter amendment creating an administrative board. Here also the fight is not in the open. The opposition has not apnounced itself as opposed to the principle involved—in fact, nearly every involved—in fact, nearly every climan admits that the old committee method of conducting business has worn itself out.

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What Mr. Blake Wavis.

But there are those who do not like this or that detail of the plan proposed, and who will seek to amend it. Mr. Blake favors an amendment putting the naming of members of the board in the hands of the Mayor, instead of by popular vote. While only a few of the Adventee.

stead of by popular vote. While only a few of the advocates of the plan

#### Normal Weather for Week Is Promised

Washington, D. C., December 3.—
There are no indications of unusually low temperatures the coming week in any part of the country, according to the weekly bulletin of the Weather Burcau, issued to-night, "Temperatures will average near rabove the normal in all districts, and the only change to colder wenther in sight," says the bulletin, will occur in the Northeastern districts on Monday, following the castward movement of a disturbance that was over the Obio Valley on Sunday. This disturbance will be attended by snows or rains, followed by clearing Monday in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Aside from the precipitation attending this storm, the next several days will give fair weather in practically all districts east of the Rocky Mountains.

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"The next disturbance of importance to cross the United States will appear on the North Pacific const Tuesday or Wednesday, cross the Middle West Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States at the close of the week. This disturbance will be preceded by a general rise in temperature and be attended by rains in Southern and rains or snows in Northern districts from the Pacific const construct, and be followed by a change to colder weather, which will appear in the Northwest at the close of the week."

#### **FAVOR ACTION BY CONGRESS**

only two events, it is stated, can prevent favorable action—the adoption of top-heavy amendments, which will bring the whole plan to the ground with a cresh, or the absence of two or more of the twenty-two Councilinen now announced as favorable to both papers. It is indicative of the desperate straits of the opposition that more than one Councilman was approached yesterday by delegations of politicians and urged to absent him self. The indications are, however, that each of the forty members will be in his seat.

Will Make it First Business.
On account of the widespread interest taken and the probable presence of delegations of citizens and representatives of many organizations favorable to the new government plan an effort will be made to change the order of business to make the report of the Ordinance. Charter and Reform Committee on the two papers the first business of the evening. The Council meets at 8 o'clock, following a joint eachs of two by anchos to be held at 7:30 o'clock to elect a district physitian.

The first fight will come on the ordinance redistricting the city into four wards, which if adopted, will result in cutting the Common Council from forty to twenty, and the Board of Aldermen from twenty-four to twelve conson: "I am convinced that the helps."

Many of New York, December 3.—Expressions ragainst Russia's discrimination against R

## NOT FOR ROOSEVELT NOW

Scuator Gronns Says North Dakota Wants La Follette. Minncapolis, December 3.—The name of Theodore Roosevelt is no longer one to conjure with in North Dakota. according to Senator A. J. Gronns, of to-night, in an address befor that State. The presidential battle Junior Order of American Meel for Senator La Foliette has swept the pleaded for the development of

# MACHINERY READY FOR LONG SESSION

Adjournment of Congress Not Likely Until Late in Summer.

#### TO-DAY WILL SEE ITS BEGINNING

When Senate and House Are Rapped to Order at Noon Practically All Law-Makers Will Be in Their Seats-Great Fight for Vantage About to Begin.

Washington, December 3 .- The first egular session of the Sixty-second vill be in his seat and the galleries machinery is in readiness for a tong rs having predicted that adjournment nay not come until after the national arties have been held. This has not

Hotel lobbles to-night were stice drawn to Washington during a con-gressional session by curiosity in coninorryw's opening will not only be the start of a Congress in which party leaders will struggle for party vantage at the polls next November in dealing with tariff, trust and other big problems, but it will initiate the brilliant winter social season at the national capital.

agerly swait anything that may sound ike Democratic discordance.

## TAFT ADDRESSES JR. O. U. A. M.

Pleads for Development of Sensitive

National Conference.
Weshington, D. C., 3.—President Taft to-night, in an address before the Junior Order of American Mechanics, for Senator La Pollette has swept the State, he said to-day.

"Roosevelt is popular in Forth Dakots," he added, "but it is too late now to swing the State away from La Follette, even for Roosevelt."

TOD SCHRIVER KILLED

American Aviator Meets Death White San Juan, P. R., December 3.—Tod Schriver, a well-known American aviator, was killed last evening in an oxhibition flight at Ponce. He fell from a height of 200 feet and died on the way to the hospital.

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# TRIAL OF PACKERS FALL OF NANKING MAY BE DELAYED

Counsel Will Question Lion Hill Surrenders Validity of Section of Sherman Law. Hosts.

#### SUPREME COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENT

The Times Dispatch

If Writ Asked For by Beef Barons Is Refused, Their Case Will Be Called on Wednesday, Unless Further Scheme for Postponing Prosecution Can Be Found.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, December 3.-When the is expected that counsel for the in dicted officials of the beef trust will make a last frantic effort to postpone the trial of their multi-millionaire clients on December 6, by questioning the validity of that section of the Sherman antitrust law applying to criminal prosecution, and suing for a writ staying the trial till the matter is settled in the highest tribunal. If the Supreme Court grants the writ the the supreme court grants the writ the District Court trial will be delayed indennitely; if it refuses to grant the writ the packers will have to stand trial on Wednesday, unless their counsel can invent some further scheme for delaying the government's prosecutin.

public treasury have been in valu.

Counsel for Government.

At the office of the United States
District Attorney, James H. Wilkerson, who is in charge of the prosecution, it was stated to-day that the
government had retained the services
of Oliver H. Pagin and Baron Corneau,
both of the United States Department
of Justice, and widely known as "trust
busters." In addition to this counsel,
District Attorney Wilkerson will be
assisted by Elwood Godman,
The packers 'attorneys include John
S. Miller, famous for his connection
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## Dickens's **Favorite Characters**

Now Appearing in

The Sunday Times-Dispatch

NELL-will appear next Sunday

# **NOW IS COMPLETE**

to Victorious Rebel

#### PEKING'S HOPES DASHED AGAIN

With Every Change They Rise and Fall, but Late Developments Point to Ultimate Destruction of Empire-Premier Now Remains Whole Government.

Nanking, December 3.-The Tartar city was sacked and burned to-day by the permission of the authorities. Business has been resumed and trains are running between Shanghai and Nanking. The imperialists have evacuated Pukow.

#### Capture Is Complete

London, December 3.—A dispatch from Shanghal says that the capture of Nanking now is complete. The im-

of Nanking now is complete. The imperialists' last stronghold in Lion Hill
capitulated on condition that the lives
of its defenders be spared.
Destruction prevails, but the railway service has been resumed. Nine
thousand revolutionists crossed the
river to Pukow, but were driven back
with a loss of two guns.

#### Imperialist Hopes Dashed.

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Peking, December 3.—Late developments are all unfavorable to the imperialists, whose hopes rise and fall with every change. To-day they were dejected because Urga, the capital of Mongolia, which like Lhassa heretofore, has been held by force, has now taken occasion to declare its independence and has expelled the Chinese officials.

Various reports reaching Peking indicate that Manchuria, which up to the present has been only passively rebellious, is likely soon to become an active factor in the revolution. General

protection, their wheelhouses inclosed in steel.

Chinese war vessels are routing out the pirates, and a despirate fight has taken place at Shiuhing. The robbers were driven back, but are expected to make another stand.

A mass-meeting will be held at Canton Tuesday to discuss the situation and receive suggestions regarding the administration of the republic.

Peking, December 3.—The independ-nce of Mongolia has been proclaimed t Urga, the chief town of northern The Chinese officials been dismissed.

## APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY

American Minister Urged to Use Influence With Persian Government.

Teheran, December 3 .- Ten thousand ersons, carrying banners with the in

persons, carrying banners with the inscription, "Death or Independence," marched to the American legation today and appealed to the minister to dry and appealed to the minister to urge the government to support the American principles of fair play and love of justice.

The English community here is aroused against Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, and think that Mr. Shuster, the Treasurer-General of Persia, outplayed him by revoking the appointments of Englishmen, to which Sir Edward objected. The British correspondents here are making it very plain in their dispatchmaking it very plain in their disputch es that they baileve that the British Foreign Minister is ruining the prestige of his own countrymen, which migh of his own countrymen, which might be regarded as "laughable if it was not

Rear-Admiral Wilde Dead. North Easton, Mass., December 3.— Death came suddenly here to-day to Rear-Admiral George Francis Faxon Wilde, U. S. N. (retired). He suffered from heart disease. He was sixty-seven years of age,

#### A RIGHT ROYAL ROW

Infanta Eulalie Declines to Obey Orders of King Alfonso.

Paris, December 3.—The Temps prints the particulars of a right royal row between King Alfonso of Spain and his aunt, Infanta Eulalie, a princess with bold and unconventional views. The Infanta, who resides in Paris, to-day received the following telegram from King Alfonso, dated from the palace, at Madrid, December 2:

from the palace, at Madrid, December 2:

"I am astonished to learn from the newspapers that you have published a book under the name of Countess Avila. I suppose this will cause a great sensation. I order you to suspend publication until I have taken cognizance of the contents, and give my permission to publish."

To this tolegram Infanta Eulalie replied as follows:

"I am greatly astonished that my book should be judged without being read. It is a thing that could only happen in Spain. Never having a liking for court life, from which I have always held myself aloof, I take this opportunity to send you my adicux. For, after this proceeding, which is worthy of the inquisition, I consider myself, so far as my private life is concerned, free to act as I deem fit." In communicating the telegrams to the Temps, the Infanta declared velemently that after the treatment of her son, who had shown great patriotic devotion in fighting in Morocco without the slightest recognition, this was the last straw, and she had given orders for the sale of all her estates in Spain and would henceforth live in the strictest privacy.

"I shall be much happier so," said the princess, "for I can keep my personality."

While the book, to which King Alfonso takes exception, has the name of Countess Avila on the title page, the preface, in which the author takes the responsibility for the vlows expressed, is signed Eulalie, Infanta of Spain. The work is a sort of discursive independent treatise on morality. The royal moralist is in favor of divorce and holds that the woman in principle is the equal of man.

#### STILL A MYSTERY

SCIENTIAL A MYSTERY

Scientiats Can Find No Cause of Pellagra Scourge.

Washington. December 3.—After many months of investigation of pellagra in the Southern States, the scientists of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service are in as much doubt as ever as to the cause of the scourge. Meanwhile the disease seems to be gaining and it has been reported that nearly every physician in South Carolina has from In South Carolina has found to he fifth attack, but that there is little hope when the patient has reached the stage of insanity.

Pellagra has been found to be a seasonal disease, and it is thought that the greativ varying temperatures of South Carolina may be partly responsible for its prevalence-there. The investigators have found that the greatest number of cases develop during the apring and autumn months, when they are sudden and marked changes in the weather.

Comparison of pellagra in the United States with pellagra in Italy, where the disease is common, has proved that the attack is much more severe in this country. Children, it has been found, country. Children, it has been found, respond to treatment much more satisfactorily han do adults, and show the greatest percentage of recoveries. When the disease reaches the point of producing insanity a switcidal tendency develors, and nearly all pellagra victims choose drowning.

Cotton-seed oil. Indian corn, certain classes of vegetables, and a recently discovered gnat are among the supposed causes, but the disease is still a mystery to the scientists.

## FAVORS FREE CANAL

John Barrett Would Have no Tolls Exacted From Shipping.

Washington, December 3.—A plea for the free use by all nations of the completed Panama Canal is made by John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, in a statement to be published to-morrow, in the official bulletin of the Pan-American Union, in a statement to be published to-morrow, in the official bulletin of the Pan-American Union. Mr. Barrett has made a study of the canal situation in its relation to all republics in North and South America. He urges that Congress make the canal free to all commorce. In case such a plan is not favored, he urges a m himm toll rate, not to exceed 50 or 75 cents a net ton for foreign trade, and free passage for all American ships engaged in coast-wise trade.

## COLORADO LEADS LIST

Armored Cruiser Carries Off Honors for Various Forms of Target Practice.
Washington, D. C., December 3.—
The armored cruiser Colorado, of the Pacific fleet, has carried off the honors among American bettieships and armored cruisers for the various forms of target practice in the autumn of target practice in the autumn of target practice in the autumn of putted at the Navy Department.

The Colorada leads the list with a score of 65.07, with the Delaware second, with 52.551 to her credit and the New Hampshire thira, with a score of forms of the called to take action in relation to the McNamara brothers until Mr. Ryan's return to the headquarters here. of target practice in the autumn of 1911, according to figures just computed at the Navy Department.

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## STEAMER ASHORE

Marianne in Dangerous Position Near Marlanne in Dangerous Position Near
Tortugas.

Key West, Fla. December 3.—The
Austrian steamer Marlanne is ashore
on Polaski Shoal, near Tortugas, and
several vessels have Tortugas, and
was brought here day by the first
mate, who came on schoner to get
mate, who came on schoner to get
assistance. The Marlanne has been
ashore since November 28, and is said
to be in a dangerous position. She
carries a general cargo, and was
bound from New York to New Orleans.

AERIAL CRUISER PROPOSED

One With Carrying Power of 300 Per-

One With Carrying Power of 300 Persons May Be Built.

Cologne, Germany, December 3.—The military authorities are planning to build an aerial cruiser with a carrying power of 300 persons and a speed of fifty miles an hour. Its gas canapacity will be 10,000 cupic metres. The plan is the outcome of the aerial manocuvres just ended, which were unusually satisfactory.

McNamata Case.

New York, December 3.—'Il probably shall have a formal statement to build have a formal statement to returned to my headquarters in Wash-returned to my

## BOAT'S BOILERS EXPLODE

Five Men Are Killed in Ohio River Accident.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 3.—With a concussion that broke hundreds of windows in the city, the boilers of the towboat Diamond, on the Ohio River, exploded to-day, killing the captain and four of the crew, and injuring five others, two of whom are dying. The boat lies at the bottom of the Ohio.

# WILL NOT REST TILL ALL HAVE BEEN PUNISHED

Burns After GuiltyOnes, Whether "Higher Up" or "Lower Down."

#### MORE SENSATIONS AREINTIMATED

Scene Shifts to Indianapolis, Where Plans Are Being Made for Federal Investigation of What Is Believed to Have Been Most Gigantic Conspiracy.

Iudianapolis, Ind., December 3.—Plans for the Federal investigation that may uncover men alleged to have been implicated with the McNamara brothers in dynamiting operations in many

States went forward in conferences here to-day.

Detective William J. Burns discussed with United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller the evidence to be presented to the Federal grand Jury when it resumes its session December 14. Neither would make a public statement in relation to the details of their consultation.

No Respecter of Persons.

"We shall not rest until we have brought to justice all those connected with the dynamiting outrages throughout the country," said Mr. Burns. "I am no respecter of persons, and whether the men associated with the McNamaras are 'higher up' or 'lower down,' they will be prosecuted."

Any exposures that may be made will come through indictments, if indictionents are returned, for violation of the Federal statute regulating interstate transportation of explosives, said Mr. Miller.

Mr. Burns conferred to day with I

The National Erectors' Association is represented on the scene of the inquiry by J. A. G. Badorf, assistant to Walter Drew, executive officer of the association. Mr. Badorf arrived to-day. Sevical detectives in the employ of the association have been here for weeks and are said to be watching the movements of persons presumed to have been concerned with John J. McNamara's affairs düring the years he was here as secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, whose books and correspondence are now in the hands of the Federal grand jury.

After Those Responsible.

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"The fact that two men are to be punished for dynamiting is not the most important feature of this investigation," said Mr. Badorf. "The members of the National Erectors' Association are interested chiefly in exposing and bringing to justice the persons responsible for 100 explosions destructive of bridge and structural iron work, since August, 1905, in many States, from Massachusetts to the Pacific coast.

"The property destrayed."

ering them. We shall lend every as-sistance to the Federal authorities, and we have every assurance that the in-vestigation will be most thorough." No information was available here

Declines to Answer. "Do you continue to affirm that you personally do not believe that the exe cutive board should repudiate John J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer of the organization?" Mr. Hock was ask-

"When woll you return to wasnings ton?" he was asked.
"Possibly to-morrow, but I have numerous engagements to keep which may take a week's time before I am ready to make my statement."
"Have your engagements to-day included conferences with labor leaders here?"

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